

**REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

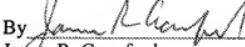
Claims to directed to the stent have been canceled, and claims directed to the method have been rewritten in independent format as necessary.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

If any fees are, authorization is given to charge deposit account no. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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